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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Project OXCART
Security Survey

REFERENCES : A. [redacted] dtd 26 Jul 63 frm D/S 25X1
to AD/OSA, Subject as above
B. [redacted] dtd 20 Nov 62 from 25X1
(S) DNRO to NRO Program Directors
Subj: Security Policy - Dir. #1

1. The reference to Directive #1 NRO Security Policy as a basis for the proposed survey of OXCART by the Office of Security is somewhat contrary to the assurances given me by the Director of Security and [redacted] at the time this Office concurred in the issuance of ref. B. I was informed at that time that the provisions of this Directive were intended to raise the security standards for projects under the other Program Directors since the Director of Security was quite happy with the solid security program in effect for OSA projects.

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2. The assurance that OSA by its concurrence would not be subjecting itself to reference was quite precise, and Mr. Cunningham, my Deputy, at that time questioned the desirability of our concurring since he observed to the Director of Security and [redacted] that only too often he has found that oral assurances are forgotten and we find ourselves bound by the written word. He was advised that our concurrence was necessary to make possible the issuance of the first Directive and it would not bind OSA since Office of Security careerists are assigned to provide security support to the Director, Program B.

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3. I prefer, therefore, to rely upon the Security Staff, provided me by the Director of Security, to maintain

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a sound security program for the projects for which I am responsible. The Chief, Security, OSA, and members of his Staff are, of course, always available to keep the Director of Security fully apprised of the security status of these projects.

/S/

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Director, Program B, NRO

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OSA/SS [redacted] (19 August 1963)

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